CANADA

The sporting culture of Canada consists of a large number of games. Although there are many sports that Canadians enj oy, the most common are ice hockey, Canadian football, basketball, soccer, and baseball.

Ice hockey is Canada's most popular winter sport, and its most popular with fans sport with the best results in international competition. Lacrosse, a sport with Aboriginal origins, is Canada's oldest and official sport.

Canadian football is Canada's second most popular sport, and the Canadian Football League's championship, the Grey Cup, is the country's largest sports event. Football, known in Canada as soccer in both English and French, has the most players of any sport in Canada, but not really very popular as a professional sport.

Other popular team sports include street hockey, cricket, rugby and softball. Cricket is the fastest growing sport in Canada at the moment. Popular individual sports include auto racing, boxing, cycling, golf, hiking, horse racing, ice skating, rodeo, skateboarding, skiing, snowboarding, swimming, and tennis. As a country with a generally cool climate, Canada has enjoyed greater results at the Winter Olympics than at the Summer Olympics. 2010 Winter Olympics took place in Vancouver, Canada. It was the third Olympics hosted by Canada, as Montreal was home to the 1976 Summer Olympics and the 1988 Winter Olympics took place in Calgary.